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Sacrificing Charity for politics?
by Race Fan

There are a few charitable institutions which derive considerable revenues from horse-racing. Such entities as the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes, the Philippine Tuberculosis Society, the White Cross, Inc., the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and the Girl Scouts of the Philippines are permitted to hold horse races to enable them to carry on their objectives. Yet the effort to raise as much money as possible is, we are told, being stymied by certain politicians who are using pressure so these charitable organizations will divide their races during the year equally between the Philippine Racing Club and the Manila Jockey Club.

We are informed that the short-sighted line of reasoning being used to justify this pressure is that as there is a sort of gentlemen's agreement between the two clubs to divide the club races during the year equally among them, charity races should also follow the same pattern. Such reasoning is obviously absurd, since it is more than evident that the subject of an agreement can be only club races, and that races which belong to other entities should be held by them in whatever hippodrome their directorates believe will produce higher income for their institutions.

Let us just take the Philippine Tuberculosis Society. Year in and year out there is a Presidential Proclamation designating a certain period of the year for fund raising purposes. It is clear then that the Government is not in a financial position to supply the funds needed for reducing to a minimum the ravages among our population caused by the White Plague. It may interest the public to know that during the last seven years, the difference between the income of the Society from the races held in San Lazaro and those held in Sta. Ana is over ₱500 000 in favor of San Lazaro, a sum which can be used to great advantage by the Society in carrying out its aims.

In the case of the White Cross, which depends mainly for its operations on the income derived from races, the difference for the years 1950, 1951, 1952 is ₱100,000 also in favor of San Lazaro.

Just why some politicians, instead of allowing the charitable institutions to hold their races wherever they think they can derive greater income, are exerting pressure to have the races divided on a 50-50 basis is certainly beyond our comprehension.

For the good of these institutions and the public dependent upon them, we hope that President Magsaysay, in spite of his multifarious duties, may have a little time to devote to this important question.

Valdes to address appreciation meet

Dr. Basilio J. Valdes, Philippine Tuberculosis Society vice-president, will deliver the appreciation speech during the appreciation ceremonies scheduled tomorrow at the residence of Doña Julia Vda. de Ortigas, society president.

A response, in behalf of the 1953 National Fund and Educational Drive volunteer workers who will receive certificates and awards during the ceremonies, will be delivered by Ramon V. del Rosario, general chairman of the 1953 fund campaign.

Presentation of certificates and awards will be made by Doña Julia Vargas Vda. de Ortigas. The citation of special awards will be read by Dr. Miguel Cañizares, Quezon Institute director.

The day's program, which aims to recognize "the efforts untiringly exerted by the 1953 volunteer workers," also includes opening remarks by Pedro S. Lopez, Philippine Tuberculosis Society secretary; a piano selection by Miss Herminia Hernandez, and a vocal solo by Miss Nena A. Celis, soprano.

Music will be furnished by the Philippine Constabulary Band under the baton of Capt. Jose M. Campaña.

The program will be emceed by R. R. de la Cruz, Philprom vice-chairman and PTS fund-raising adviser.

The President Does It Again

President Magsaysay has once more proven that he has the welfare of the "poor" at heart.

Some three weeks ago the White Cross and the Philippine Tuberculosis Society which, in the past, have been dividing their charity races equally between the Philippine Racing Club and the Manila Jockey Club, decided to hold all their races in the future in the premises of the Manila Jockey Club in San Lazaro for the simple reason that their earnings in San Lazaro were as much as 70% greater than their earnings when runnig their charity races in Sta. Ana. In the case of the Tuberculosis Society, for example, their earnings in San Lazaro have been as much as half a million pesos greater than their earnings in Sta. Ana during the last few years. Obviously, the Society could not afford to continue subsidizing the Sta. Ana track by holding half of their races there.

It so happens, however, that two prominent Nacionalistas — one a Senator and the other a Congressman — are members of the Philippine Racing Club's Board of Directors. Strangely, enough, these two Nacionalistas do not own enough shares to elect themselves in the Board. The Sta. Ana track is controlled by Dr. A. P. Reyes and members of his family, but with the votes of Dr. Reyes these two prominent Nacionalistas were elected to the Board. It is needless to say that these two politicians are expected to show their gratitude by exercising their influence.

When the White Cross approached the Games and Amusements Board (GAB) for a permit to hold their scheduled race on Saturday, April 10, 1954, the GAB informed them that, according to an order from Malacañang signed by Asst. Executive Secretary Quema, the charitable institutions must divide their races equally between the two racing clubs operating in or near Manila and that since the last race of the White Cross was held in San Lazaro, the next one must be held in Sta Ana. The application of the Tuberculosis Society for their race scheduled on April 11, 1954, met the same fate.

When Secretary Araneta, husband of Victoria Araneta who is President of the White Cross called the attention of Asst. Executive Secretary Quema to the fact that, under the law, charitable institutions are not compelled to divide their races between the two racing clubs operating in or nearManila, Mr. Quema wrote Chairman Nieto of the GAB revoking his previous order and saying that the White Cross may hold its April 10th race in San Lazaro as requested. For reasons which we do not know, however, Chairman Nieto instead of issuing the permit to the White Cross as applied for, went to Malacañang and Executive Secretary Castro, thereupon, revoked Asst. Executive Secretary Quema's order rescinding his (Quema's) instructions. Thus, both the White Cross and the Tuberculosis Society races scheduled for April 10th and 11th, 954, respectively had to be held in Sta. Ana. The results were as expected. The income

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which each institution received was but a fraction of what they would have earned if the races had been held in San Lazaro. Thus, the two institutions lost many thousands of pesos because of Executive Secretary Castro's order.

All this happened without the knowledge of President Magsaysay who was at the time absent from Manila. Upon his return the officials of the charitable institutions which had fared so badly in Santa Ana laid the facts before him. The President, quick to size up the situation and to do justice to the poor who depend on the earnings of these charitable institutions ,thereupon, immediately informed the GAB that each charitable institutions in entitled to determine for itself where they want to hold their respective races. Undoubtedly President Magsaysay realizes that the Board of Directors of the charitable institutions know best how to manage their respective activities and that on matters that concern the sick, the poor, the destitute and the children there must be no intermeddling by Malacañang underlings, and much less, by certain members of Congress.

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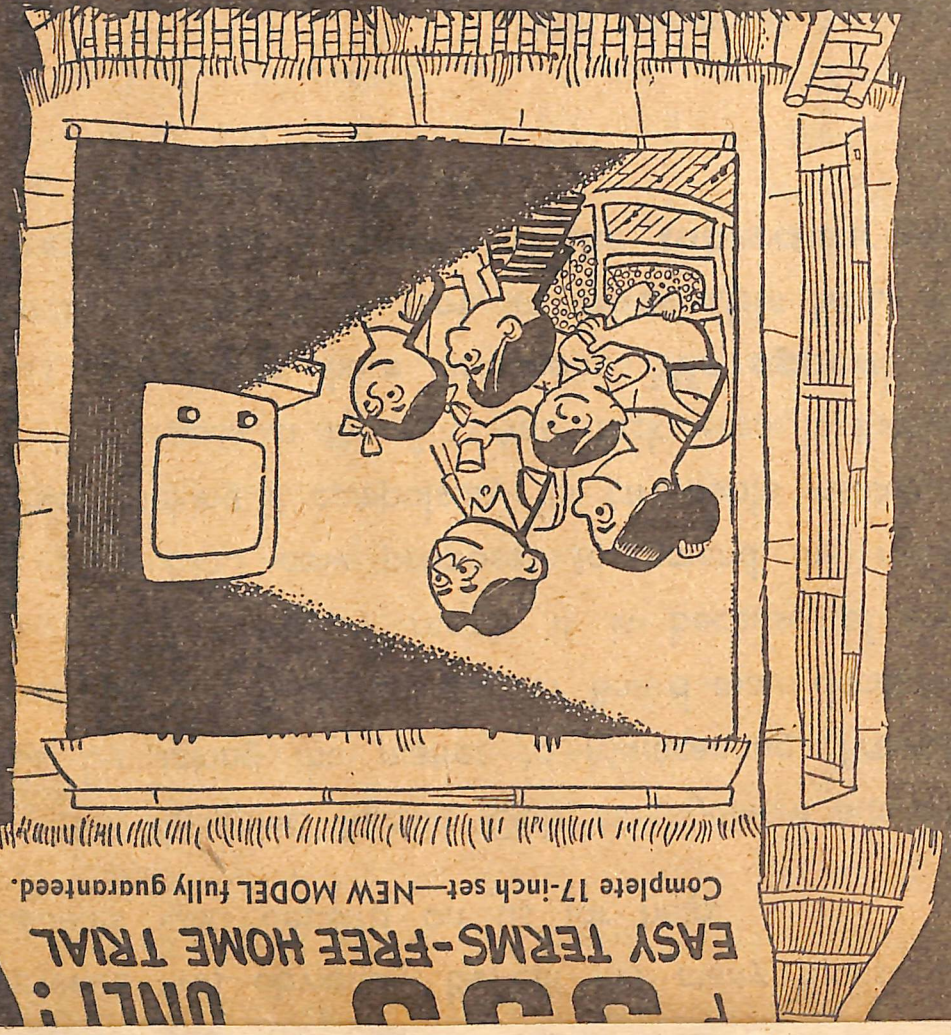
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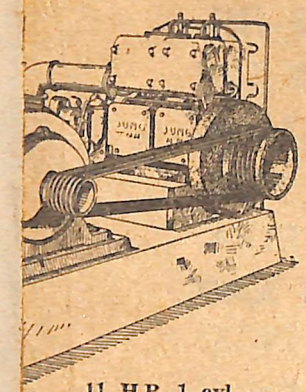

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Sa Magigiting Na Kaanib [illegible] Malakanyang. Datapuwa't ang Pangulong Magsaysay, ay nagpasiya na ang aming samahan ay may katuwirang pumili ng pook na pagdarausan ng mga karera sa kawanggawa. Sa pamamagitan ng kapasiyahang ito ang bill bilang 2053 ay nag-uudyok ngayon na susugan ang dating batas sa karera, upang maging sapilitan para sa mga samahan ng kawanggawa ang pagdaraos ng kalahati ng kanilang mga karera sa karerahan ng Sta. Ana, kahi't na ang ganito'y mangangahulugan ng lalong maliit na pakinabang para sa mga samahang ito. **Nananawagan kami sa magigiting na kaanib ng ating kongreso na huwag bigyan ng buhay ang bill na ito. Sapagka't ang pagbuhay dito ay yuyurak sa mga kapakanan ng napakaraming may sakit ng tuberkulosis na sinisikap naming matulungan.**

Lubos na gumagalang,

THE PHILIPPINE TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY

Ni:

(Lgda.) **BASILIO J. VALDEZ**
Pang. Pangulo

The MANILA CHRONICLE

Wednesday, May 12, 1954

In this country, the act of charity has to be given an incentive in the form of returns to the giver. Hence, the sweepstakes, benefit movie premieres, fashion shows, beauty contests, musical extravaganzas, etc., etc.

Some of the biggest charity fund raising events are the horse races for the benefit of the Philippine Tuberculosis Society and the White Cross. Thus, millions of pesos have been raised by these institutions to carry on their worthy cause.

Considering how these two organizations have been conducted above board and the results they have achieved, there is no quarrel over giving them every possible opportunity to raise the funds with which to carry on. Even if we may have reservations as to the necessity of tying up

the sincere belief that the income which we would earn in each club would be more or less the same.

"During the last five years, however, our records show that the earnings from races held in Santa Ana have been P505,000 less than the income which we have obtained from an equal number of races in San Lazaro.

"Our Board of Directors has, therefore, decided to hold all future races in San Lazaro. The resulting increase in our revenue (about P100,000 each year) will obviously benefit the many thousands of tubercular patients who depend on us for help."

Speaking for the White Cross, Mrs. Victoria Araneta, president, similarly defined the position of her organization. She said that the earnings at Santa Ana were from

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that the queen would drop— but suppose it didn't. He would then go on his way, running clubs, letting the enemy win their two spade tricks as they liked, and at least assuring him-

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Sultry actress Zsa Zsa Gabor and Porfirio Rubirosa, Dominican playboy, arrived in Hollywood with Zsa Zsa announcing they were engaged. They had flown from a European jaunt in Rubirosa's private plane.

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president of Europe's first international parliament, the European coal and steel community assembly in Strasbourg, Germany. He was the lone candidate.

Sinasabi Nila

Ang "Anti Tuberkulosa" ay isang pambansang samahan na isinilang at nabubuhay sa ibabaw ng simulain na: BAGO TANGKILIKIN ANG SARILI muna ang kanilang mga aksiyon sa mga korporasyong kanilang kinasasaniban.

Ang nasabing bill ng Kamara ay pinasimulang pagtalunan kahapon ng umaga at noon pa man ay naging dahil na ng mahigpit na pagtatalo nina Senador Gil Puyat sa isang panig at sina Senador Tomas Cabili at Emmanuel Pelaez sa kabila, dahil sa pagbabagong ipinasok ng lupong nag-aaral sa balak na batas na pumapatay sa lahat ng tadhanang nagpapahintulot sa bagong korporasyon na mamili at magbili ng kopra upang matulungan ang mga produktor.

Ipinagmatigas ni Puyat ang pag-aalis ng pahintulot sa direktiba ng bagong korporasyon na makapangalakal ng niyog, nguni't nagtulong mamansina Senador Cabili at Pelaez na ang dating pahintulot sa balak na nanggaling sa Kamara ay nararapat ibalik upang maipagtanggol ang gipit na kalagayan ng maliliit na magniniyog kung ginigipit ng mga mamamakyam na intsik

karerahan ng Philippine Racing Club sa loob ng limang taong lumipas ay pawang pinangulugihan ng samahang. Ang kinikita ng samahan sa Philippine Racing Club ay hindi man lamang maiagapay sa halagang ipinakikinabang sa mga karerang ginaganap sa karerahan ng Manila Jockey Club ng San Lazaro.

Makitunghay tayo sa opisyal na tala-tandaan (official records) at nang masilip natin ang mga katotohanang matagal na naikubli sa atin. Sa tig lalabindalawang karera na idinaos sa Manila Jockey Club ng San Lazaro at sa Philippine Racing Club ng Santa Ana, na may tig 6 na buong araw ng Linggo at 6 na tig kakalahating araw ng Sabado, sa loob ng bawa't taon. Ang talakayin natin dito ay ang ukol lamang sa limang taong lumipas, buhat noong 1949 hanggang 1953. Ang mga halagang tutorulin natin dito ay yaong (yearly difference) o taunang pangungulugi ng samahang "Anti Tuberkulosa" buhat sa mga karerang idinaos sa Philippine Racing Club ng Santa Ana, 1949... P50,798.72; 1950 . . . P93,748.25; 1951... P103,149.63; 1952... P72,839.18; 1953... P32,901.38. Tayo'y magpapatuloy sa paksang ito, hanggang bukas, sa pahayagang ito.

in a polo match held recently at the Manila Polo Club pose to-
to right: Enrique Zobel, (capt.) W. Andrews, Mrs. Zobel and Lt.
ez Rubio, Francisco Ma. Bayot and Lt. B. Miranda.

By S. Rothman & W. Buchanan

Olympic Torch

ATHENS, May 12 (UP)—The Olympic torch will make one of the longest journeys in its history for the 1956 Olympiad in Australia, and the trip will be made by air despite the strict naked flame regulations for commercial aircraft.

Instead of a naked flame, the light from Olympia, Greece will be carried aboard plane in a miners lamp from the Saar. The lamp was presented yesterday by Erwin Mueller, Saar delegate to the International Olympic Committee, to Australian Olympic representative E. J. Holt.

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The present law is good enough

The Philippine Tuberculosis Society, the White Cross and other charitable institutions are circulating separate appeals which in very plain terms ask Congress to disapprove House Bill No. 2053, on the ground that its passage would considerably decrease the income which annually goes to these institutions from charity races.

The law which governs these charity races does not compel any of these institutions to hold these benefits in specifically listed racing clubs. Such a limitation was deemed unnecessary, because its authors recognized the fact that fund-raising was the objective and not the patronage of any one track. The new bill would compel these institutions to hold half the races in one club, and the other half in that of the other organization. This would be fair enough, were it not for the fact the new arrangement is being unanimously protested by charitable institutions on the completely valid ground that receipts would be critically reduced. Experience has shown that the receipts in one club are invariably insufficient to meet minimum needs.

It is the hope that the appeal will be considered in the light in which it has been projected by the affected institutions.

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In The Senate

By EUGENIO E. SANTOS

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The officials of the two beneficiary institutions, however, have presented effectively their cases—the cause of charity for the benefit of the tuberculous people and the poor and indigent children. Certainly, these organizations deserve all the funds that the government can give to them directly or indirectly. And the charity races are one fertile source by which the government is indirectly helping their worthy cause.

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President Magsaysay has decided that the boards of directors of the PTS and WC may decide for themselves where to hold their charity races. It is but natural for these boards to stage their races in the track that gives them the most income for the benefit of the thousands of tuberculous people and the poor and indigent children who turn to these institutions for assistance.

PRC stockholders are mostly successful businessmen and financial executives. It is high time for them to tax their business acumen and solve the puzzle why the racing public would prefer to gamble in the MJC.

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The Daily Mirror

Many Vs. Few

A bill which would in effect deprive two charitable organization of substantial parts of their income is awaiting passage in Congress. From the initial success of its sponsor, Rep. Angel Castaño of Manila, it appears headed for approval in the lower house, from which it is expected to reach and be approved in the Senate during the last days of the current session. But all right-minded legislators would no doubt want to block this measure if they knew what it means to the fight for the eradication of tuberculosis in this country.

It is not surprising that this bill, H. No. 2053, should have been calendared and approved on second reading without the usual publicity. For if the entities concerned had been invited to a hearing or the bill had been discussed at any length in the House, there is no doubt that it would have been snowed under by a torrent of opposition, not only from the public but from the lawmakers as well.

The purpose of the bill is to compel the Philippine Tuberculosis Society and the White Cross to hold half of their benefit races at a particular race track although doing so would reduce the PTS income by ₱100,000 a year and cut the already modest income of the White Cross by 60 to 70 per cent.

When the two organizations decided to hold their racing days at the San Lazaro track since January of last year, they discovered that this boosted their income by the above-stated figures. This was followed by attempts in some quarters to compel them to hold half of the races at Santa Ana, but nothing came of this because these institutions are authorized to choose the site they deem best for their benefit races. Finally the intervention of President Magsaysay was sought, and he upheld the respondents.

After this, there was no recourse but to compel the boards of directors to divide the racing days between the two racetracks. by passing an amendment to the law. Thus the bill in question is not only a form of legislation intended to benefit a small group but one which would adversely affect thousands of people, tuberculosis victims, at the same time.

Finally, it is worthy of note that the sponsor of this measure is precisely the same congressman who has shown such concern for the construction of the North General Hospital in Tondo, on the ground that the greatest number would be benefited in this way. There is a paradox here which is not the least of the things which must be taken into account in the final consideration of the bill in question.

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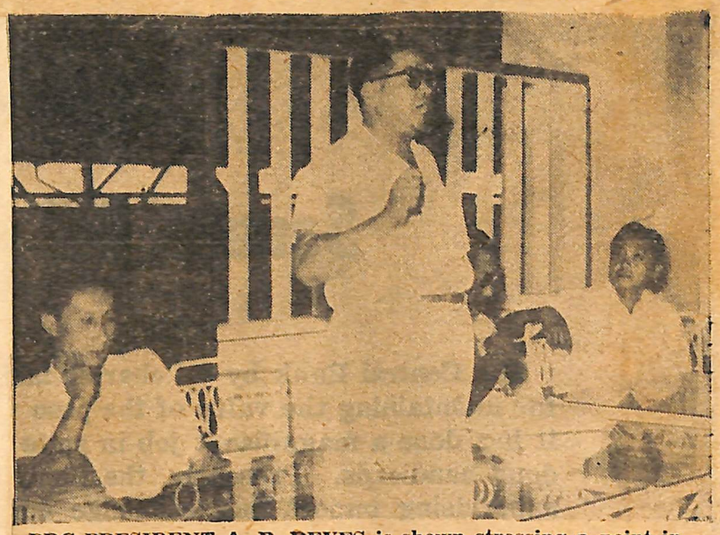

PRC PRESIDENT A. P. REYES is shown stressing a point in yesterday's meeting of horse owners, trainers and jockeys on the vital issue of equitable distribution of charity race skeds at San Lazaro and Sta. Ana hippodromes.

PRC Moguls Announce Side Of Vital Issue

By Z. M. TABANIAG

Three main organizations directly concerned with the handling of races at the San Lazaro and Sta. Ana hippodromes met yesterday afternoon to frame a resolution asking for an equitable distribution of charity race schedules in both ovals.

Officials and members of the National Horseowners Association, Inc. led by Eladio T. Sordan and the Philippine Jockeys Association signed a resolution yesterday in a meeting at the PRC at Sta. Ana.

The 3 entities mentioned which carry a good majority of racing gentry will form a delegation to Malacanang sometime next we to press their point in asking for an equal distribution of racing days of the White Cross, Philippine Tuberculosis Society and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes. This arrangement of charity races is now being sought in a bill fathered by Congressman Angel Castano, which was passed by the house on third reading Thursday.

In announcing their strong stand for an equitable distribution of charity racing schedules at San Lazaro and Sta. Ana, horse owners, trainers and jockeys yesterday argued against the potential evils of a monopoly and exploitation. The implication of this stand was that if all charity races were to be held at San Lazaro to the exclusion of Sta. Ana, the latter would be forced to close as it would not sustain its operation through club races only.

In view of the unanimous stand taken by the 3 powerful racing associations, the question posed itself in local racing circles whether the White Cross races on May 23 would be served by them. The May 23 White Cross races which were originally scheduled at Sta. Ana have been re-slated at the MJC oval by virtue of a reported decision of Malacanang to make the selection of the site of the races a principal concern of the charitable institution handling them.

This reported decision of Malacanang has been taken as precedent setting. And since the White Cross has recently chosen the MJC oval in preference to Sta. Ana, the possibility of the 3 organizations boycotting the May 23 races at San Lazaro was strongly foreseen in yesterday's deliberations.

The Philippine Racing Club yesterday made known its stand on the controversial issue of the allocation of charity racing dates for both ovals. The White Cross has initiated the move to exclude these races from Sta. Ana in preference to San Lazaro, for reasons of economy and the alleged difference in net receipts in favor of San Lazaro.

In implementing this argument the White Cross has made *its claims on these points through paid advertisements in the Manila dailies.*

By way of argument, PRC officials led by Dr. A. P. Reyes revealed yesterday the offer of Sta. Ana of guaranteed net incomes for both the White Cross and the PTS on races held at the PRC.

The White Cross has netted some ₱80,000 for 1953 at San Lazaro 4 whole-day and 4 half-day races scheduled which meant an average income of ₱20,000 for 1 whole-day and 1 half-day race sked. To match this, PRC has offered White Cross officials a flat income of ₱20,000 for each similar period, or 65% of the net income for each racing schedule, with an option to choose whichever item is more beneficial to the White Cross. The PRC presented this yesterday as a strong counter-argument.

Concerning the TB races, the PRC has guaranteed a flat income rate of ₱21,000 for a whole-day and a half-day race schedule, irrespective of gross earnings. Spread over a period of 1 year which would mean 8 racing schedules, this offer would net the TB society well over ₱1 million which approximates the figures the society claimed it has received from San Lazaro races for 8 years, from 1946 to 1953.

Concerning these figures which meant a difference of ₱146,000 from the San Lazaro incomes the PRC claimed yesterday that the San Lazaro earnings represented those of boom years in racing which might not be equalled or even approximated by the MJC today. The strict enforcement of the anti-bookie law has greatly augmented PRC receipts in the past few months, it was also argued.

LINGGO, Mayo 16, 1954 BAGONG BUHAY

Sinasabi Nila

Mga giliw na mambabasa, natitiyak kong nagugunita pa ninyo na dapat sanang ang lathalaing ito'y kahapon pa ninyo nabasa, gaya ng aming naipangako sa sinundang artikulong siya naming sinususugan. Datapuwa't sa kasahulan ng sapat na puwang dito sa ating pahayagan, pinakanais man namin ay hindi rin natupad.

Sa tinutukoy naming artikulo na nalathala sa labas nitong Bagong Buhay noong Mayo 12, 1954, ay ipinagtapat namin sa inyo na ang bill 2053 ay pinagtibay sa mababang kapulungan ng ating kongreso, sa kabila ng katotohanan na ang bisa nito ay mangangahulugan ng ibayong pangungulugi ng samahang Anti Tuberkulosa... pangunguluging magiging daan upang ang nabanggit na samahan ay masawi sa kanyang hangarin na makapaghandog ng mahalaga't makabayang gawain sa pagliligtas ng maraming buhay ng mga pinapagdurusa ng sakit na TB.

Sa lalong maliwanag, ang Anti-Tuberkulosa ay isang samahan na may napakabanal na layunin, sapagka't ito ay hindi lamang nag-aaruga, gumagamot at nagpapagaling sa sakit na tinatawag na *Salot na Puti*... kundi, ito'y tumatangkilik din at bumubuhay sa napakaraming maliliit na kawaning sa kanya'y naglilingkod! Kaya't kung ang Anti-Tuberkulosa ay patuloy na mangungulugi at maáaring magpinid ng mga pinto o maglaho, dahil sa pagkakapagtibay ng ating mababang kapulungan sa bill bilang 2053, hindi ba makatuwiran nating sabihin na hindi lamang ang may sakit ng TB ang maáapi kundi pati ang mga kawaning nabubuhay dito (sa Anti-Tuberkulosa) ay kasama ding masasawi?... at kasawiang masasabi din nating ang kongreso ang nagdulot? Dahil dito...

Kami at ang sambayanan, ay nananawagan sa lahat ng magigiting na kaanib ng ating mababang kapulungan, at nagsusumamo kaming baguhin nila ang takbo ng mga pangyayari. Hinihiling namin na pakasikhayin nilang mamatay ang tinutukoy naming bill, sapagka't ang pagkamatay nito ay siya namang magbibigay ng LUNAS sa libu-libong pilipino na umaasa sa tangkilik ng samahang Anti-Tuberkulosa... kaya't ang pagkamatay nito, sa lalong maliwanag, ay siyang bubuhay sa pag-asa ng mga kawaning tinatangkilik ng samahan. Magigiting na lalaki ng Kongreso, batid naming hindi pa ninyo nalilimot, na bago kayo nagsiluklok sa inyong upuan sa batasang bansa ng Pilipinas, ay taimtim kayong nangako na tutop pa ang mga dibdib na kayo'y taos-pusong maglilingkod sa bayan habang kayo'y naririyan sa inyong mga upuan. Iyan, iyan, ang aming hinihintay na inyong ipadama sa amin, iyan ang aming inaasahang magiging bunga ng inyong paglilingkod sa amin! At ang paglilingkod na itong aming inaasam ay amin lamang madadama bilang isang matamis na katotohanan, kung inyong papatayin ang bill bilang 2053. Kung gayon, magkaisa tayo sa pagpapasiya na patayin... patayin... at patayin natin ang bagay na papatay sa marami ninyong mga kababayan! — *Dr. Basilio J. Valdez*, 163 San Rafael

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May 16, 1954 THE SUNDAY TIMES

OPEN LETTER

TO PRESIDENT MAGSAYSAY AND CONGRESS

THE WHITE CROSS, INC. AND THE PHILIPPINE TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY HAVE MADE CLAIMS THAT THEY STAND TO LOSE A SIZEABLE PART OF THEIR EXPECTED INCOMES FROM CHARITY RACES IF HALF OF THESE ARE HELD AT THE PHILIPPINE RACING CLUB.

TO THESE CLAIMS WE HAVE MADE INCOME GUARANTEES ON FLAT RATES AND PERCENTAGE BASIS IN THE CASE OF THE WHITE CROSS BASED ON THE TOTAL INCOME OF ₱80,000 REALIZED FROM THE MANILA JOCKEY CLUB IN 1953, WITH AN OPTION TO CHOOSE WHICHEVER IS FAV-*ORABLE AS FOLLOW: 1. A FIXED INCOME OF ₱20,000 TO THE WHITE CROSS FOR A WHOLE-DAY AND HALF-DAY RACING SCHEDULE OR — 2. SIXTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE NET EARNINGS FOR EACH WHOLE-DAY AND HALF-DAY RACING* SCHEDULE, WITH AN OPTION TO CHOOSE WHICHEVER IS FAVORABLE TO THE WHITE CROSS.

WE BELIEVE THAT THESE PROPOSALS TO THE WHITE CROSS WOULD REASONABLY MATCH WHATEVER INCOMES, CONTINGENT OR ACTUAL, THAT IT EXPECTS TO RECEIVE FROM SCHEDULED RACES AT THE MANILA JOCKEY CLUB.

IN THE CASE OF THE PHILIPPINE TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY, WE HAVE ALSO MADE THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS BASED ON THE PREVIOUS INCOMES MADE BY THE SAID CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION FROM SCHEDULED RACES HELD AT SAN LAZARO FOR A PERIOD OF EIGHT YEARS — FROM 1946 TO 1953: 1. A FLAT RATE GUARANTEE OF ₱21,000 FOR A WHOLE-DAY AND A HALF-DAY RACING SCHEDULE. THIS GUARANTEE HAS BEEN ARRIVED AT TO MATCH THE INCOMES DERIVED BY THE P.T.S. AT SAN LAZARO FOR A PERIOD OF EIGHT YEARS. THE NET INCOME OF THE P.T.S. COMPUTED ANNUALLY UNDER THIS GUARANTEE WOULD AMOUNT TO ₱126,000 FOR SIX SCHEDULED RACES AT SANTA ANA PARK.

WE BELIEVE THAT THESE INCOME GUARANTEES ARE SUFFICIENT TO BELIE THE ARGUMENT OF EXPECTED LOSSES FOR BOTH THE WHITE CROSS, INC. AND THE PHILIPPINE TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY IF THEY HOLD THEIR RACES AT SANTA ANA PARK.

THE PHILIPPINE RACING CLUB, REALIZING THE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES OF BOTH INSTITUTIONS, HAS MADE THESE EFFORTS TO JUSTIFY ITS STAND AGAINST AN IMPENDING MONOPOLY IN RACING. FOR THE IMMEDIATE, INEXORABLE CONSEQUENCES OF CHANNELLING CHARITY RACES TO ONE HIPPODROME WOULD INEVITABLY MEAN THE CLOSING OF THE OTHER.

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THE MEASURE ONLY REAFFIRMS A LONG-STANDING PRACTICE DATING BACK TO THE EARLY DAYS OF RACING HERE, WHICH IS BASED ON EQUITY, FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

THE PHILIPPINE RACING CLUB, INC.

BY:

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WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION AND THE PHILIPPINE HORSE TRAINERS AND MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION, INC., SUBMIT THAT REJECTION OF THE SAID BILL WOULD ENTAIL DELETERIOUS CONSEQUENCES AND PREJUDICIAL EFFECTS TO THE INTERESTS OF RACING IN THIS COUNTRY BY FOSTERING A MONOPOLY OF THE SPORT BY A FAVORED RACING HIPPODROME. MONOPOLY IN ANY FORM IS ODIOUS—. IT CAN ONLY LEAD TO ABUSES AND UNREASONABLE IMPOSITIONS.

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WE THEREFORE APPEAL TO THE HIGH SENSE OF JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS OF PRESIDENT MAGSAYSAY AND THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO APPROVE THIS BILL INTO LAW. TO DO SO WOULD BE TO VOTE DOWN MONOPOLY BY VESTED INTERESTS AND A VINDICATION OF THIS ADMINISTRATION'S AVOWED POLICY OF EQUAL PROTECTION AND EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY.

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MONDAY, MAY 17, 1954 The Evening News

SPORTS

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SPORTSCOPE

BY TABY

A VITAL ISSUE FOR LOCAL RACING

The ordinary racing fan may not know it but there is a power struggle going on right under his nose, an issue that involves two racing hippodromes—San Lazaro and Sta. Ana.

The issue centers on the recent move to channel all charity races of the White Cross and the Philippine Tuberculosis Society to San Lazaro, to the exclusion of Sta. Ana. It is a vital issue because if it is decided in favor of San Lazaro, it would mean the closing of Sta. Ana, the death knell of an institution that can rightly claim a good share of racing history here.

The struggle dates back to as early as this year when the White Cross decided to hold all its charity races at the MJC, alleging that the difference in earnings between the two ovals favors MJC. This decision, of course, upsets a long standing practice of holding charity races in both racing hippodromes on an equal basis. It was only fair, it was thought then, that both clubs should enjoy an equal share of the bonanza from these charity races.

The issue became more patent with the introduction of a bill in Congress which would make it a matter of law to apportion equally the charity races of the White Cross and the Tuberculosis Society. Naturally, the proponents of the other side of the issue want this bill killed, either at the Senate or at Malacanang when it comes up for signing by the President if it passes the Senate.

The Philippine Racing Club has just recently announced a willingness and a readiness to match the incomes on charity races from San Lazaro. These guarantees look substantial and pose as the strongest counter-argument against charity officials involved who claim that the Sta. Ana races would mean less revenues to them, contingent or actual.

However, if the issue is decided in favor of San Lazaro, it would mean for certain these in local racing:

(1) The closure of Sta. Ana hippodrome, if the attitude of PRC officials is to be taken seriously. This would mean the livelihood of a considerable number of people directly involved in racing—horse owners, trainers, jockeys and breeders.

(2) The diminution in revenues for the Games and Amusement Board whose existence is partly financed by its share of racing incomes from both ovals.

(3) The fostering of a MONOPOLY IN RACING, assuming that Sta. Ana would close, or would merge with San Lazaro, or would be bought out by San Lazaro. This needs no argument for it would be stressing the obvious. The evils attendant to a monopoly are well known.

Philippine Racing Club officials have made an appeal to a sense of equity, fair play and justice and argue that they have knocked down the main argument of a discrepancy in revenues.

I think it is only fair and just that they be given a chance to prove their side. THEIRS IS A GRIM FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL. It would redound to the good of racing in this country that this vital issue in the "sport of kings" be decided in their favor.

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MANILA BULLETIN, WED., MAY 19, 1954

WANT TB CHARITY RACES AT LAZARO

Faced with the prospects of losing ₱100,000 annually for the maintenance and upkeep of the Quezon institute and its sick inmates, the Philippine Tuberculosis society appealed yesterday to President Magsaysay to allow it to hold all its annual horse races at the San Lazaro race track instead of the Sta. Ana turf.

Gen. Basilio J. Valdes, (ret.) chairman of a three-man committee designated to study the sudden drop of income earned by the tuberculosis society from the Philippine Racing club in Sta. Ana, explained that up to 1950 the Philippine Tuberculosis society had been dividing its 25 horse race meetings yearly between the Manila Jockey Club in San Lazaro and the Philippine Racing club in Sta. Ana because the income

THE DAILY MIRROR, FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1954

White Cross President Resigns

OK Of Bill On Charity Races Believed Cause; Held Post For 17 Years

The resignation of Mrs. Victoria Lopez Araneta from the presidency of the White Cross, Inc., a position she has held for 17 years was expected to be announced today.

She was reported going over the final draft of her resignation letter addressed to the board.

Gen. Basilio Valdes, vice president of the Philippine Tuberculosis Society, another organization affected by the racing bill, however, said he is not resigning from the PTS over the pasage of the measure, contrary to earlier reports he, too, was quitting his post.

He said he is grateful to senators who introduced the amendment requiring both the Manila Jockey Club and the Philippine Racing Club to post minimum guarantees.

He said it is possible that Mrs. Araneta's action was due to lack of opportunity by her to go over the detailed aspects of the bill.

In a telephone interview with Mrs. Araneta this morning, she impliedly attributed the cause for relinquishing the presidency to her having "outgrown" her usefulness in the organization. She stated that the White Cross would do well to look for a leader who has a better command of

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the situation, referring to her failure to block enactment of H. B. 2053, which she had tried vainly to oppose.

It will be recalled that the White Cross top head campaigned vigorously against the approval of House Bill 2053 which seeks to regulate the conduct of horse races by apportioning equally the racing days authorized by law between the Philippine Racing Club and the Manila Jockey Club.

Mrs. Araneta worked hard to block the passage of the bill contending that the proceeds intended for charity derived from the Philippine Racing Club, is comparatively lower compared to what is grossed at the Manila Jockey Club.

Congress passed the measure on the certification of Malacañan.

THE TRUTH BEHIND

THE FIGHT TO CONTROL HORSE-RACING HERE

The Philippine Tuberculosis Socieety and the White Cross may not be too happy over the approval of the bill distributing their benefit races equitably between the Sta. Ana and San Lazaro race tracks.

But these charitable organizations, according to a BULLSEYE informant, will be greatly relieved to learn that the passage of that bill has prevented them from becoming the unwitting instruments in a sinister scheme of big business interests to corner the racetrack industry in the Philippines.

Unknown to the general public, the controversial bill which was the subject of full-page advertisements by the interested parties was actually nothing more than an offshoot of a battle between the Manila Jockey Club and the Philippine Racing Club for control of horseracing in this country.

By virtue of a law as amended by a presidential order, the San Lazaro racetrack has only up to December of this year in which to continue in operation.

The National Urban Planning Commission long ago earmarked the San Lazaro racetrack as residential area. Although it is a much older track than the Sta. Ana oval, its days were numbered. It either had to comply with the law and close shop, or do something that would keep it in the horseracing business.

For some time, there were rumors that the owners of the Manila Jockey Club were thinking of buying the Wack-Wack Gold and Country Club. But according to the BULLSEYE informant, Wack-Wack was not for sale. So the MJC owners had to think of something else.

It then occurred to them, according to reports. that if the Philippine Racing Club could be forced into a financial corner, the latter's owners might be persuaded into selling out.

And this is where the charity races conveniently came in.

As a matter of practice charity races were divided equally between the two clubs. This enabled the PRC to continue in operation although it obviously was not realizing as much profits as the MJC.

If the charity races could only be removed from the PRC, the PRC would have to fold up. It would not last even up to December, the deadline given to the San Lazaro racetrack to close up or move out.

But precisely because the PRC knew that the days of the San Lazaro track were numbered its owners refused to consider the idea of selling out to anybody, much less the rival race track. They were playing on the sure shot that after December of this year, theirs would be the only race track in operation and this would give them a chance to make up for what they had not been making before.

Exploiting the fact that net proceeds from races held at San Lazaro were larger than from those held at Sta. Ana, a move was started to have all charity races run at the former site.

In view of the statistics produced by the charity organizations concerned, Malacañang was persuaded to issue a directive authorizing them to choose the place where their races were to be held. But nobody told Malacañang of the desperate plight the Manila Jockey Club was really in. Nor of the move to force the PRC into selling out.

But local horseowners and trainers, apparently, knew what was going on. They were as deeply concerned about the matter as the clubs themselves. This explains why Rep. Angel Castaño, although from Manila, introduced the controversial bill splitting charity races.

As past president of the National Horse Owners and Trainers Association, Castaño became the logical spekesman for the interests of the horseowners. jockeys, stable hands and ther personnel and their families whose livelihood depended on the outcome of the case.

While it may be true, according to a BULLSEYE informant, that the bill now approved by Congress would deprive the city of Manila of new revenue which would accrue from the holding of all charity races at the San Lazaro, it was argued by followers of Castaño that most of the people directly affected were residents of Manila.

Moreover, it was pointed out that any advantage derived by the city from non-approval of the measure would, at best, be temporary inasmuch as the San Lazaro would not be able to operate beyond the end of this year.

But when the San Lazaro race track closes its doors for the last time, a chapter in the history of the city of Manila would close forever. Manila would lose the distinction of being the only city in the whole world within whose boundaries a race track is allowed to operate.